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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H232-US Capitol
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September 6, 2007

Dear Madame Speaker,

I am writing to urge you to bring a new version of S. 1927, the Protect America Act of 2007 to the floor for a vote as soon as possible. We must address the many deficiencies of the bill.

During the night of August 4, I cast a very difficult vote for S. 1927. I understood that this vote was an interim response to the Administration's request for changes to FISA, and that this bill covered the purported intelligence gap. I believe that it was important to close this gap. Nonetheless, I remain uncomfortable with the legislation because it removes crucial oversight over intelligence-gathering activities. We must work together to find a way to protect this nation while protecting our Constitutionally-guaranteed civil liberties.

Because of these concerns, I was heartened that the duration of this legislation was limited to six months. I do not believe, however, that the Congress should wait until the legislation nears expiration to begin the process of revising it. I look forward to considering new legislation as soon as possible, and I urge you to move this legislation quickly.

I've sincerely appreciated your leadership and I look forward to working with you on this issue. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Director, Joan Gregory, at 202-226-8518.

Sincerely,

Charlie Wilson
Member of Congress